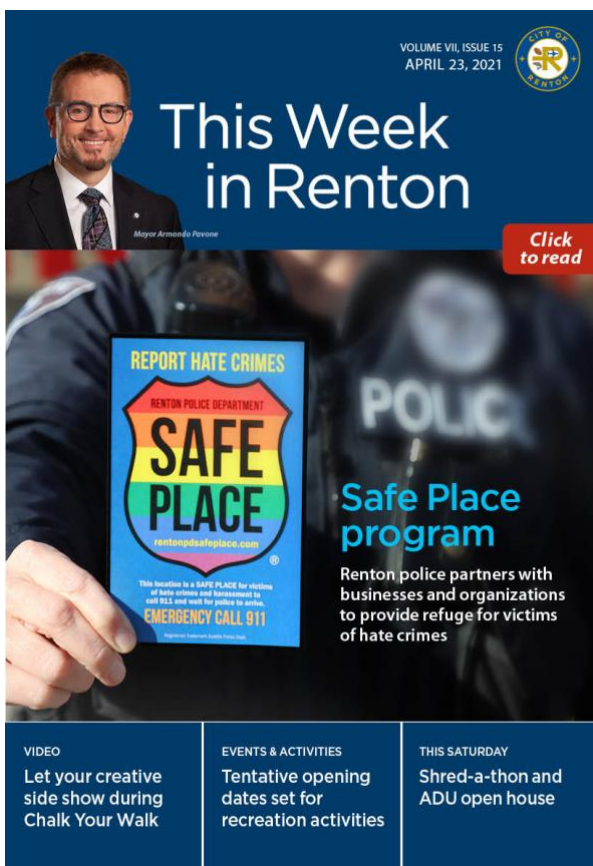




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VIDEO FEATURE

Chalk Your Walk returns

Calling all sidewalk chalk artists! The city's Recreation and Neighborhoods Division is teaming with the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington at Southport to present [Chalk Your Walk](#).

[Chalk Your Walk 2021 Video](#)

Celebrate your neighborhood and enjoy special events from May 3-9. We have [themes for each day](#) (pets, Star Wars, Cinco de Mayo, comedy, mom) but feel free to express yourself. Artists are encouraged to share their chalk artwork on social media using #ChalkRentonOut. We'll also feature the artwork in this publication.

The Hyatt Regency donated \$2,000 worth of chalk for the campaign and will host "Chalk at Hyatt's Dock!" The hotel is inviting participants to decorate their dock on Lake Washington all week. All chalk artists will receive 10% off at Dock and Drink in the Hyatt.

Get your supplies at one of three drive-thru chalk distribution days. One free chalk kit per family please.

Friday, April 30, 3 to 5 p.m.

Hyatt Regency Lake Washington (1053 Lake Washington Blvd. N)

Saturday, May 1, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Highlands Neighborhood Center (800 Edmonds Ave NE)

Sunday, May 2, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tiffany Park (1902 Lake Youngs Way SE)

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Members of the Hazen High School Key Club prepare to plant trees at Heritage Park.

COVER STORY



Safe Place provides shelter and support for victims of hate crime

Renton Police Department has launched [Renton Police Safe Place](#). This free program provides a shelter for victims of hate crimes if they feel unsafe.

"We are committed to the safety of all residents and visitors to our community," said Chief of Police Jon Schuldt. "The Safe Place program provides a visual clue and assistance for anyone experiencing violence or harassment based on their race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability."

Police have partnered with businesses and organizations to implement Safe Place. Officers train employees on how to handle situations and provide advertising materials, including a distinctive window sticker.

Member businesses and organizations display the sticker in a street-facing window. When a hate crime victim enters, employees call 911 immediately. The victim is then allowed to stay until police arrive.

For information about the Renton Police Safe Place Program, please contact Officer Cat Citron at 206-445-5910 or ccitron@rentonwa.gov.

If you're the victim of a hate crime or witness one and a Safe Place is not nearby, please call 911 immediately. If the incident has already occurred, the immediate danger is over, and there are no injuries, call Renton police's non-emergency number: 425-235-2121.

The immediate police response will be similar to any call. However:

- If you believe the incident was motivated by your status, ask the officer to note that in the report.
- If you can, give the officer the exact wording of what was said, regardless of how offensive it is.
- If there are witnesses to the incident, point them out to the officers at the scene.
- If the case meets the criteria for a hate crime, your case will then be forwarded for follow-up investigation.

RECREATION



Tentative schedule set for opening facilities and events

At Monday's [Committee of the Whole](#), [Recreation and Neighborhoods](#) Director Maryjane Van Cleave briefed City Council on the programs and event plan for spring and summer.

Here's a summary of the plan. Please remember all dates are tentative as we are guided by the governor's phased re-opening of facilities and activities.

- Renton Community Center will open on June 29 for reservation-only activities, including the fitness room, basketball courts and racquetball courts. More options and amenities to open in September.
- Highlands Community Center will open June 28 and offer the free STREAM Team (Science, Technology, Recreation, Arts, Math) program in a summer camp format.
- Henry Moses Aquatics Center will be open June 26 through September 6. Capacity will be reduced, and scheduling options will depend on the number of lifeguards hired and trained by June 26.
- Gene Coulon and Kennydale Beach parks will have lifeguards from June 26 through September 6.
- Senior Activity Center will tentatively open on September 7. The senior lunch program will continue throughout the summer.
- For Memorial Day, Mayor Pavone has requested a reduced capacity event on May 31 to honor our veterans.
- There will be no 4th of July entertainment this year. The fireworks show has been postponed.

As more and activities are scheduled, we will post that information on our [website](#), social media channels, and this newsletter.

COMMUNITY



Shred-a-thon, Prescription Drug Take Back & Food Drive is Saturday

Tomorrow is Renton Police Department's [Shred-a-thon, Prescription Drug Take Back & Food Drive](#). We'll have trucks at Renton Memorial Stadium (405 Logan Ave. S.) from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. or until they are full.

Please [visit our website](#) to see what is and is not accepted.

Canned goods, dry goods, and monetary donations will also be collected and donated to the Renton Salvation Army Food Bank. Please consider a donation.



Accessory Dwelling Unit open house

Also on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., our Community & Economic Development Department will introduce a new housing option, Accessory Dwelling Units, via an [online open house](#).

The open house will provide an overview of the program, including the application process and eligibility requirements. Staff will also share the eight completed permit-ready designs for the first time.

The city has reduced costs by expediting the review process and application costs. Most fees associated with building permit application and review, as well as impact fees for transportation, fire, parks, and school impact for those ADUs built within the Renton School District, have been waived or reduced.

Your ADU questions can be emailed to planningcustomerservice@rentonwa.gov.

ART IN RENTON



The winning Egg Contest entries by Kelley Lea, Chris Swanson, and Ashley Schwartz.

Egg-ceptional celebration for Erasmus

Last week [Renton Municipal Arts Commission](#) and [Renton Downtown Partnership](#) combined to celebrate the third anniversary of Erasmus’ “hatching.”

The featured events were the Erasmus Egg Contest and last Saturday’s “Hatch Day” Dragon Hunt.

Ashley Schwarz, Kelly Lea, and Chris Swanson won the Erasmus Egg Contest. They each received a signed copy of “A Hatful of Dragons” by Vikram Madan. In presenting the award, the arts commission noted, “these winning designs showed creative thinking, excellent use and additions to the simple materials provided and Egg-ceptional staging! Thank you to all our egg artists!” All entries received a prize from Renton Municipal Arts Commission.

The Dragon Hunt asked participants to find 10 of the 45 dragons that were hidden downtown. Over 200 scorecards were turned in, and these nine lucky winners took home great prizes from downtown merchants.

Gina Rae Vinson ... Antiques 4U gift certificate

Lincoln Taylor ... Common Ground gift certificate

Emerald Magbaleta ... Potted Dragon Tree from Urban Sprouts

Mike Martin ... Dragon’s Breath Cheese Package from River Valley Cheese

Stas Olaszek ... Smoking Monkey Pizza Gift Certificate

Jennifer Brothers ... Sparkle Dragon Prize Pack from Sparkle Gifts and Whatnot

Nikki Bjorklund ... Sparkle Dragon Prize Pack from Sparkle Gifts and Whatnot

Chelsea Kwon ... Sparkle Dragon Prize Pack from Sparkle Gifts and Whatnot

Cooper Oliver ... Common Ground Gift Certificate

TRANSPORTATION



The future of regional transportation

Puget Sound Regional Council has an [online survey to support the development of the Regional Transportation Plan](#). It covers telework, travel after the pandemic subsides, transportation features around home and work, and special needs transportation services. The survey is open to everyone and available in English, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Traditional Chinese.

CELEBRATE



Celebrate Children’s Day on April 30

On April 30, we join with Centro Rendu to [celebrate Children’s Day](#). This free drive-through event is for families with children up to age 12 at Renton Memorial Stadium (405 Logan Ave. N) from 3 to 6 p.m. Each child will receive a gift to help celebrate the day.

“El Día del Niño” or “Day of the Child” originated in Mexico in 1925 and is celebrated each year on April 30. This holiday is now observed in many Latin American countries and around the world. The city’s AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers have worked with St. Vincent de Paul’s Centro Rendu and several local businesses to recognize this special day.

The event will feature costumed characters, dancers and volunteers distributing handouts and toys. Washington Department of Health’s current COVID-19 protocols, including the wearing of face coverings and social distancing, will be followed.

EMPLOYMENT



Recreation has openings for lifeguards and guest services

City of Renton [summer lifeguard and aquatics guest services positions](#) are great spring and summer full-time and part-time job opportunities.

Lifeguard applicants must be at least 15 years old and have American Red Cross certification or be willing to earn it. They are stationed at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, Kenndale Beach Park, and Henry Moses Aquatic Center.

The pay range depends on experience and assigned location. Hours range from 32 to 40 hours per week.

Questions? Email zholm@rentonwa.gov.

AGE-FRIENDLY RENTON



Food Security, Health & Wellness
Tuesday, April 27
2-3 p.m. on Zoom
rentonwa.gov/register #9497



Virtual Talk Series: “Food Security, Health & Wellness”

Meet a Sound Generations community ambassador and learn about their core services in food security, health and wellness programs and transportation. Join via Zoom on Tuesday, April 27, 2-3 p.m.

Visit rentonwa.gov/register to reserve your spot for all 2021 Virtual Talks. For help, call 425-430-6633.

Age-Friendly Renton Virtual Talks is a free virtual series with various topics, presenters and engaging conversations. The series is held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 2 to 3 p.m.

CLASSES



Low-Impact Mobility & Strength Course

Wednesdays, 11:15 am
April 28-June 2 on Zoom
rentonwa.gov/register #9725



“Keep Moving” Low-Impact Virtual Fitness

We could all use a little more movement in our lives these days, and what better motivation than from a physical therapist. “Keep Moving” classes are held Wednesdays from April 28 through June 2, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. It’s a low-impact mobility and strength class to keep you moving better and feeling stronger, all from the comfort of your home.

Led by Dr. Anna Friedman, DPT, a physical therapist and movement specialist, this course is offered via ZOOM, so audio and video will give you the best experience.

Register on rentonwa.gov/register.

Have you considered “Small Space Food Gardening?”

Marni Sorin, Educator for Tilth Alliance, will demonstrate how to grow healthy, organic food in small spaces. This “container gardening” is excellent for beginners, apartment dwellers, and anyone wanting to add extra space or variety to their garden.

The class shows how to grow herbs, small fruits, and summer veggies. Also covered is choosing the correct container, location, soil prep, and maintenance.

The class will be held Tuesday, April 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. To register, email [Lauren Imhoff](mailto:Lauren.Imhoff@rentonwa.gov). The Zoom link will be emailed before the class.

RECYCLING



Metal and Styrofoam collection on May 15

The city will host the [first of three recycling events](#) on Saturday, May 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Renton Technical College North Parking Lot (NE 6th Pl and Monroe Ave. NE). This event will collect scrap metal, large appliances, and Styrofoam.

Eligible metal items include auto parts, lawn chairs, water heaters, lawnmowers, bikes, iron and steel. Please remove all wheels and nonmetal parts, and drain oil and fluids from auto parts and mowers.

We will not accept television sets, computers, car chassis, refrigerators, dishwashers, or microwaves.

Styrofoam accepted includes peanuts and bubble wrap, bagged packing peanuts, and clean white block Styrofoam. Look for #6 or EPS inside the recycle symbol.

The second recycling event on June 12 is for mattresses, box springs, cardboard and tires. The third recycling event on September 18 will collect Styrofoam and documents for shredding. Both of these events will also be at Renton Technical College.

COVID-19



VACCINE FINDER

Vaccine appointments available in South King County

A large number of new COVID-19 vaccine appointments are now open at King County's Auburn Outlet Mall and Kent ShoWare clinics for south King County residents, ages 16+.

Appointments are open through Monday, April 26. Registration required at CovidVaccine.KingCounty.gov. Public Health - Seattle and King County anticipates additional appointments next week.

Bring your family, and if someone you know needs an appointment, help them sign up too!

For those who live outside of south King County, vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov has a list of open appointments.

- [COVID Vaccine information](#)

CITY COUNCIL



Mayor Armondo Pavone (center front) is flanked by the 2021 Renton City Council. Ruth Pérez and Council President Randy Corman are seated in the front row. Standing: Valerie O'Halloran, Ed Prince, Council President Pro Tem Ryan McIrvine, Kim-Khánh Văn and Anaelina Benedetti

April 19, 2021 Meeting

- [Meeting documents](#) (approved committee reports, motion sheets, and council committee meeting calendar)
- [Council meeting video](#)
- [Committee of the Whole video](#)
- [Approved Minutes](#) (April 12, 2021 meeting)

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Renton City Council meets via Zoom. For information on viewing or participating in a council meeting, go to rentonwa.gov/council. Past meetings are available at rentonwa.gov/youtube.

CALENDAR

Daily, Senior Meals, free, drive-thru sack lunch pick up. Limited quantities. Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m., Renton Senior Activity Center, [211 Burnett Ave. N.](#)

Mondays, 5:30-7:30 p.m. **Sustainable Renton** free drive-through grocery store at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, [1700 Edmonds Ave. NE](#)

Wednesdays, bi-weekly, 6 p.m., **Renton Live!** online connection promoting business, nonprofits and activities within the greater Renton community. Find the link on the Renton Live [Facebook page](#).

Library resources and events, ongoing. Filter by event, program, and location. kcls.org

April 24, Sat., 9 a.m.-12 p.m. **Shred-a-thon, Prescription Drug Take-Back, and Food Drive** at Renton Memorial Stadium, 405 Logan Ave. S.

April 25 or 26, 10 a.m. **Birds of a Feather: Social Birding Adventures** for age 18+, an engaging, approachable bird-focused outing at the Black River Riparian Forest. Register at rentonwa.gov/register for [Sunday 9551](#) or [Monday 9552](#), \$22R / \$27NR.

April 25 or 26, 11:30 a.m., **Botanical Awakening** introduction to plant life for age 18+ in the Black River Riparian Forest. Register at rentonwa.gov/register for [Sunday 9532](#) or [Monday 9559](#), \$22R / \$27NR.

May 15, Sat., 10 a.m.-2 p.m., **Recycle Event** at Renton Technical College ([North Parking Lot, NE 6th Place and Monroe Ave. NE.](#)) This mini-event will be accepting metals and Styrofoam. (June event will accept mattresses, tires and cardboard, and September event will accept Styrofoam and paper for shredding.)

May 19, Wed. 1-5 p.m. **Renton Virtual Career Fair**. FREE virtual career fair hosting a wide variety of organizations with text-based chats or chat-to-video sessions. Visit gorenton.com/careers for more information. Hosted by Renton Technical College, WorkSource, Renton Chamber of Commerce, and City of Renton.